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Applicant: Osamu TAKAGI et al.
Title: FIXING DEVICE USING INDUCTION HEATING
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REPLY TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

MAIL STOP: AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 8, 2004, Applicant hereby elects the species of Figures 11a and 11b. Claim 34 is readable on the elected species.

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file divisional applications covering the non-elected subject matter and/or to receive consideration of claims to additional species as provided by 37 CFR 1.141, upon allowance of any claim that is generic.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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